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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION NEW DELHI FROM BOMBAY AUG 17 REPEATED
FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY:

QUOTE

BOMBAY 1972

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1. JUST IN CASE IT WAS NOT SPOTTED ELSEWHERE, WE WISH TO
BRING TO THE EMBASSY'S ATTENTION PART OF INTERVIEW IN THE
AUGUST 14TH EDITION OF "SUNDAY", A ANANDA BAZAR PUBLICATION
PRINTED IN CALCUTTA. THE BIWEEKLY CONTAINS AN EXCLUSIVE
INTERVIEW WITH JP, CONSISTING OF 26 Q'S AND A'S. TWO OF
THESE DEAL WITH NUCLEAR POLICY. IN THEIR ENTIRETY, THEY ARE:

2. QUOTE Q. WHAT ABOUT OUR NUCLEAR POLICY? THERE SEEMS TO BE
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A CONTRADICTORY STATEMENT IN THE NEWSPAPERS TODAY-THE
PRIME MINISTER HAS DECLARED THAT HE IS NOT IN FAVOUR OF
TESTING NUCLEAR DEVICES EVEN FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

A. WELL, THAT IS A SLIGHT DEVIATION FROM THE NATIONAL
POLICY SO FAR. BUT PERSONALLY, I APPROVE OF WHAT MORARJIBHAI
HAS SAID. I'M GLAD HE HAS SAID THIS. BECAUSE YOU KNOW THE

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PEACEFUL USE AND WARLIKE USE OF
POTENTIAL WEAPON LIKE NUCLEAR POWER IS NOT VERY GREAT-IT CAN
BE VERY EASILY TURNED INTO A DANGEROUS WEAPON. THEREFORE
WE MUST KEEP AWAY FROM THIS DANGEROUS GAME.

3. Q. DON'T YOU THINK THE ONLY TIME INDIA WAS TAKEN SERIOUSLY
AS A WORLD POWER WAS WHEN WE EXPLODED OUR NUCLEAR DEVICE AT
POKHARAN IN 1947?

A. I THINK WE WOULD BE TAKEN MORE SERIOUSLY IF WE SOLVED THE
PROBLEM OF OUR POVERTY, AND SHOWED THAT WE ARE MAKING
PROGRESS IN EDUCATION AND STANDARDS OF LIVING. I DON'T THINK
THE WORLD IS GOING TO BE IMPRESSED BY OUR MANUFACTURING A
NUCLEAR BOMB. YOU SEE, IN ORDER TO BECOME A NUCLEAR POWER,
EXPLODING ONLY ONE BOMB IS NOT ENOUGH. ONE HAS TO HAVE
RESOURCES WHICH INDIA JUST DOESN'T HAVE. THIS (BOMB) 8 -
PLAYTHING THAT INDIA HAS PRODUCED, A DANGEROUS PLAYTHING.
WE HAVE NO NEED FOR IT, WE SHOULD GET OUT OF THAT RACE
COMPLETELY. WHAT USE CAN BE MADE OF NUCLEAR POWER? END
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